

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

1-29. (Canceled).

30. (New) A method of managing a plurality of hybrid automatic repeat requests (HARQ processes) involving packet combining of data flow transmitted in a wireless communication system, said method comprising the steps of:

reserving at least one HARQ process out of the plurality of HARQ processes in accordance with at least one resource allocation parameter; and

restricting employment of the at least one reserved HARQ process for a data flow having a separate data flow identifier or a logical channel identifier as the resource allocation parameter.

31. (New) The method according to claim 30, wherein the reserved HARQ process carries signaling data for radio resource control or other higher layer signaling.

32. (New) A transmission apparatus for managing a plurality of hybrid automatic repeat requests (HARQ processes) involving

packet combining of data flow transmitted in a wireless communication system, said apparatus comprising:

a reservation section that reserves at least one HARQ process out of the plurality of HARQ processes in accordance with at least one resource allocation parameter; and

a restriction section that restricts employment of the at least one reserved HARQ process for a data flow having a separate data flow identifier or a logical channel identifier as the resource allocation parameter.

33. (New) The apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the reserved HARQ process carries signaling data for radio resource control or other higher layer signaling.